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1. TURKISH RADIO AND TELEVISION (TRT) RADIO BROADCAST AT

0730 LOCAL JULY 28 ANNOUNCED THAT THE TURKISH SEISMIC SURVEY SHIP SISMIK WOULD PASS THROUGH THE DARDANELLES JULY 29. 1100 HOURS BROADCAST STATED THAT THE SISMIK HAD ARRIVED IN CANAKKALE AND WAS ACCOMPANIED BY TWO DESTROYERS. ACCORDING TO THE BROADCASTS, OPERATIONS WOULD BEGIN NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE MERIC (MARITSA) RIVER AND WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL AUGUST 20. THE BROADCASTS STATED THAT THE NAVY NAVIGATION AND HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE HAD ANNOUNCED THAT VESSELS SHOULD NOT APPROACH WITHIN " A DISTANCE" OF THE SISMIK AND SHOULD PASS AT A SLOW SPEED. HOWEVER, THE BROADCASTS DID NOT MAKE CLEAR WHETHER A NOTICE TO MARINERS HAD BEEN ISSUED.

2. THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN ECEVIT IN NEW YORK DOMINATED PRESS COVERAGE JULY 28 (SEPTTEL), AND THE PROSPECTIVE OPERATIONS OF THE SISMIK RECEIVED LITTLE COVERAGE. SOME PAPERS REPORTED THAT MFA SEC GEN ELEKDAG HAD CALLED IN A NUMBER OF AMBASSADORS TO EXPLAIN US POLICY CONCERNING THE SISMIK'S EXPLORATIONS. HURRIYET REPORTED FROM BRUSSELS THAT ACCORDING TO " CIRCLES CLOSE TO NATO" TALKS WERE GOING ON BETWEEN ANKARA AND ATHENS AS A RESULT OF NATO AND US PRESSURE, BUT OTHER PAPERS SAID THE MFA CATEGORICALLY DENIED ANY GREEK-TURKISH DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT. MACOMBER

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